Inclusion of Drugs under Category-I

692. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3080 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th March, 1989 and state:

(a) what is the total number of representations received for inclusion of drugs under category-I;

(b) what is the number of representations referred to Siddiqui Committee;

(c) what are the names of drugs for which representations were examined for inclusion by the committee;

(d) what is the number of representations considered by the committee and what was the view of the committee on each representation; and

(e) by when the final decision on the recommendations will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Forty representations were received from Members of Parliament and others in this Ministry. These related variously to identification of drugs for categorisation under Category I and Category II of Drug Price Control Order, 1967, the necessity to include more drugs apart from these recommended and reclassification and exemption of drugs under price control. These representations, comments and requests were forwarded to the Siddiqui Committee.

(c) to (e) The Siddiqui Committee's report containing the review of drugs is under consideration of the Government.

Exclusion of oral rehydration salt

693. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry had forwarded representation for exclusion of oral rehydration salt to the Kelkar Committee;

(b) whether it is a fact that the terms of reference of the Kelkar Committee was to identify category-II drugs;

(c) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry identified oral rehydration salt for inclusion under category-I;

(d) whether an expert committee appointed by his Ministry also considered oral rehydration salt; and

(e) if so, what is the recomendation of this committee and what are the reasons for referring the representation for consideration by the Kelkar Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir. Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Oral Rehydration Salt was included in the original Drug Price Control Order 1987 under Category-I. The expert committee appointed by this Ministry to review Category-I drugs reiterated the listing of Oral Rehydration Salt, as per World Health Organisation Formula under Category-I in their report submitted in November, 1988. The Department of Chemicals and Petro-chemicals, deleted Oral Rehydration Salt from Category-I of Drug Price Control Order 1987 vide Drugs (Price control) Amendment